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DSL, Cable or T-1 lines

The faster the Internet connection, the easier ECF is to use. We listed the minimum connection requirements in our CM/ECF brochure. However, we recommend that participants obtain fast access to the Internet using DSL, cable or T1 lines. We have published information on the CM/ECF page of our web site concerning DSL service providers.

Auto Case Upload Feature

There are several petition preparation software vendors that either create the necessary files for an automatic case upload or will soon have this feature. This auto-upload includes not only the .pdf documents and the creditor matrix, but also all of the information necessary to open the case that you currently have to input into the CM/ECF database. This auto-upload feature reduces the amount of time to open a case dramatically, as well as eliminating possible errors. The vendors that we are aware of that provide this auto-upload option or will soon provide this option are BK-2001, Best Case, Bankruptcy Plus, and Bankruptcy Esq.

Training

We anticipate that attorney/staff training will begin in January 2002. The court will contact you regarding training opportunities.

Are You CM/ECF Ready?

WEB PACER Account (http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/pacerdesc.html)
Adobe Acrobat Writer(\$250) & Adobe Reader(free) (<u>www.adobe.com</u>)
Scanner
Credit Card
Netscape Navigator 4. 6 or 4.7 (free <u>www.netscape.com</u>)
Basic Internet/browser skills (training could be provided by AUM, New Horizons, etc.)
Word Processing Application
ISP (Internet Service Provider & ISP software)

OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

Cases used to be assigned to case administrators based on the last two digits of the case number. However, case administrators will now be assigned cases as follows:

Last Digit of Case Number	Case Administrator	Phone Number
1	Cynthia Sanders	206-6317
2	Ceola Williams	206-6313
3	Dianne Segrest	206-6351
4	Donna Wilcox	206-6352
5	Joyce Thorn	206-6325
6	Claudia Osborne	206-6350
7	Rhonda King	206-6327
8	Jackie Canada	206-6315
9	Yvonne Pelham	206-6328
0	Henrietta Brown	206-6310

Note: Adversary Proceedings are assigned to case administrators based on the last digit of the related bankruptcy case number.

New Case Numbering System Effective January 1, 2002

OFFICE

- 1 Dothan
- 2 Montgomery
- 3 Opelika

	OFFICE	CASE NUMBER RANGE
Misc. Proceedings	Dothan	(101-299)
	Montgomery	(301-799)
	Opelika	(801-999)
Adversary Proceedings	Dothan	(1001-2999)
	Montgomery	(3001-7999)
	Opelika	(8001-9999)
Bankruptcy Cases	Dothan	(10001-29999)
	Montgomery	(30001-79999)
	Opelika	(80001-99999)